

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 9, 2007
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; DON PERSSON; MARCI PALMER; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS RANDY CORMAN AND TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, Fire Department; COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Days of Remembrance - April
15 to 22, 2007

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring the week of April 15 to 22, 2007, to be "Days of Remembrance" in the City of Renton in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works: Employee
Recognitions

Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Zimmerman recognized the Planning/Building/Public Works employees nominated and chosen by their peers to receive 2006 Good Work awards, as follows: David Hohn, Fleet Manager; Keith Woolley, Civil Engineer; and Helen Weagraff, Program Specialist. Mr. Zimmerman then presented the 2006 Planning/Building/Public Works Employee of the Year award to Laureen Nicolay, Senior Planner.

Mr. Zimmerman further announced that the following Planning/Building/Public Works employees who contributed to the Clean Sweep Renton program were awarded the 2006 Good Teamwork award: Julie Pursell, Program Specialist; Linda Knight, Solid Waste Coordinator; Spencer Orman, Program Specialist; Don Ellis, Engineering Specialist; Jayson Grant, Maintenance Services Worker; Pat Zellner, Street Maintenance Services Supervisor; Jim Pryor, Lead Maintenance Services Worker; and Ed Washington, Maintenance Services Worker.

King County: Parks Levy

King County Parks Assistant Director Tom Koney reported on the proposals for renewal of King County Parks operating levy and the parks and recreation expansion levy. He reviewed the current King County Parks system, which consists of more than 180 parks, 25,000 acres of parks and open space, and 175 miles of trails. Mr. Koney pointed out that the system focuses on regional open space and regional trails.

Mr. Koney stated that the current four-year operating levy, which provides direct support for approximately 57 percent of the operating budget, expires on 12/31/2007. The typical household burden is \$17 per year based upon a \$400,000 home. He reported that the King County Parks Futures Task Force

convened from November 2006 to March 2007 to deliberate two issues: how to maintain the King County Parks system after the operating levy expires and how to build the system to serve the needs of the region tomorrow.

Continuing, Mr. Koney explained that the task force recommended two six-year companion levies. The King County Executive followed the task force's lead in also recommending two companion levies, slightly downsized, to the King County Council. The six-year operating levy renewal and the six-year parks and recreation expansion levy would each levy five cents on every \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The typical household burden would be \$20 per year for each levy based upon a \$400,000 home.

Mr. Koney indicated that the King County Council must approve both ordinances no later than 5/29/2007 for the August 21 primary ballot. He noted that passage of either levy is not pre-conditioned on passage of the other, and if the operating renewal levy measure fails, the measure will be placed on the November general election ballot.

Responding to Council President Nelson's inquiry, Community Services Administrator Higashiyama stated that the total Renton has paid from 2004 through 2007 for the current levy is \$1,267,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Renton and King County will share the costs of an annexation telephone survey in the Benson Hill Communities to be conducted beginning April 16 to assess residents' interest in annexation and to gain an understanding of the service issues important to residents in the area.
- * Garden Ave. N. will be closed April 10, 11, and 12 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. to allow installation of water lines for the new Target store.

AUDIENCE COMMENT Citizen Comment: Johnson - Diamond Lanes

Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #306, Renton, 98057, voiced his appreciation for the Days of Remembrance proclamation. Additionally, Mr. Johnson expressed support for the expanded use of diamond lanes (high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes) on freeways, freeway exits and entrances, and on wider streets. He pointed out that diamond lanes may motivate solo drivers to change their mode of transportation.

RECESS

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES. CARRIED. Time: 7:44 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present except Corman and Briere, previously excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
4/2/2007

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 4/2/2007. Council concur.

Vacation: Walkway, NW 6th
St & Rainier Ave N, AHBL,
VAC-06-001

City Clerk recommended adoption of an ordinance finalizing the Matt Weber, AHBL, Inc., vacation of a walkway located between NW 6th St. and Rainier Ave. N., as all conditions of the vacation approval have been satisfied. Council

concur. (See page 129 for ordinance.)

Vacation: Walkway, NW 6th St & Rainier Ave N, JDA Group, VAC-05-002

City Clerk recommended adoption of an ordinance to finalize the Jack Alhadeff, JDA Group, LLC, vacation of a walkway located east of NW 6th St., as all conditions of the vacation approval have been satisfied. Council concur. (See page 129 for ordinance.)

CAG: 07-027, SW 34th St Culvert Replacement, RL Alia Company

City Clerk reported bid opening on 4/3/2007 for CAG-07-027, SW 34th St. Culvert Replacement; six bids; engineer's estimate \$1,132,884; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$1,270,871. Council concur.

Community Services: Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton School District

Community Services Department requested approval of an agreement with the Renton School District regarding use of the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. Council concur. (See page 128 for resolution.)

Development Services: Fee Revisions (Franchise Permit, Plan Review & Inspection, Vacation)

Development Services Division recommended approval of the amendments to the franchise permit fee, plan review and inspection fee, and street and alley vacation fee; and approval to direct compensation from street vacations to street construction Fund 317. Refer to Finance Committee.

Plat: Galloway at the Highlands, Union Ave NE, PP-06-138

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Galloway at the Highlands Preliminary Plat; 22 attached townhome units and two commercial lots on 1.61 acres located at 343 Union Ave. NE. Council concur.

Legal: Punchboards Prohibition, Rescind

Legal Division recommended approval to rescind the prohibition against punchboards. Council concur. (See page 129 for ordinance.)

Utility: Sanitary Sewer Model Conversion/Geodatabase, Roth Hill Engineering Partners

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$101,832 with Roth Hill Engineering Partners, LLC for services related to the Sanitary Sewer Model Conversion/Geodatabase Development Project. Council concur.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **Committee of the Whole**

AJLS: City of Renton Business Plan, 2008-2013

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending adoption of the 2008-2013 City of Renton Business Plan. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 129 for resolution.)

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 258459 - 258905 and three wire transfers totaling \$4,268,555.77; and approval of Payroll Voucher 124, one wire transfer, and 672 direct deposits totaling \$2,152,258.53. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Water Utility Balance Search Fees

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to amend Ordinance 5127 to eliminate the \$25 fee for Internet water utility balance searches, and to reduce the fee for water utility balance searches requested by fax, messenger, or letter from \$50 to \$25. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 129 for ordinance.)

Finance: Delinquent Utility
Bills Lien Filing Fees
Collection

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding amending City Code in order to charge lien filing costs to the customer. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to add language to City Code, Title VIII, to provide the City the right to claim its collection costs and attorneys' fees for the filing and foreclosure of liens for delinquent utility bills. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 129 for ordinance.)

Lease: LSI Logic Corporation,
200 Mill Bldg (3rd Floor),
LAG-00-002

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an extension of the lease with LSI Logic Corporation (formerly known as Engenio Information Technologies, Inc.) for the third floor of the 200 Mill Building. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the amendment. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Transportation (Aviation)
Committee**

Airport: Memorandum of
Understanding, Mercer Island

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending approval of the memorandum of understanding regarding Renton Municipal Airport issues between the cities of Renton and Mercer Island. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor be authorized to sign the memorandum of understanding. **MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 129 for resolution.)

Transportation: I-405 (I-5 to
SR-169) Stage 1 Widening,
WSDOT

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for design, construction, and operation of the I-405, I-5 to SR-169 Stage 1 Widening Project. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. **MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 129 for resolution.)

Utility: Ripley Lane N
Transportation and Storm
System Improvement,
Parametrix

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the engineering consultant agreement with Parametrix, Inc., in the amount of \$183,316, for the design, permitting, and preparation of construction plans and specifications for the Ripley Lane N. Transportation and Storm System Improvement Project. **MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Utilities Committee

Latecomer Agreement:
Vineyards Construction, Sewer
Extension (NE 7th Pl), LA-06-
002

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Vineyards Construction, LLC's request for a latecomer agreement and give final approval for a latecomer agreement to extend the sewer main along NE 7th Pl. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTIONS AND
ORDINANCES**

Resolution #3871

Community Services: Renton

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement between the Renton School District and the City of Renton

IKEA Performing Arts Center, concerning City use of the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. MOVED BY
Renton School District LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3872

AJLS: City of Renton
Business Plan, 2008-2013

A resolution was read adopting the 2008-2013 City of Renton Business Plan.
MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE
RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3873

Transportation: I-405 (I-5 to
SR-169) Stage 1 Widening,
WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an
interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of
Transportation regarding the I-405, I-5 to SR-169 Stage 1 Widening Project.
MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE
RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3874

Airport: Memorandum of
Understanding, Mercer Island

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a
memorandum of understanding establishing a cooperative relationship between
the City of Renton and the City of Mercer Island as the cities study the potential
impact of development at the Renton Municipal Airport. MOVED BY
PALMER, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the
Council meeting of 4/16/2007 for second and final reading:

Vacation: Walkway, NW 6th
St & Rainier Ave N, AHBL,
VAC-06-001

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of unimproved road (walkway) ten
feet wide and approximately 163 feet in length, between NW 6th St. and
Rainier Ave. N. (Petitioner: Matt Weber, AHBL). MOVED BY CLAWSON,
SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR
SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/16/2007. CARRIED.

Vacation: Walkway, NW 6th
St & Rainier Ave N, JDA
Group, VAC-05-002

An ordinance was read vacating a ten-foot-wide platted walkway approximately
187 feet in length, connecting NW 6th St. to Rainier Ave. N. (Petitioner: Jack
D. Alhadeff, JDA Group). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY
PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND
FINAL READING ON 4/16/2007. CARRIED.

Legal: Punchboards
Prohibition, Rescind

An ordinance was read amending Section 5-8-3, Punchboards Prohibited, of
Chapter 8, Gambling Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of
City Code by rescinding the prohibition of punchboards. MOVED BY
NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE
ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/16/2007.
CARRIED.

Finance: Delinquent Utility
Bills Lien Filing Fees
Collection

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Storm and Surface Water
Drainage, Chapter 4, Water, and Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and
Sanitation) of City Code in order to charge lien filing costs to the customer.
MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER
THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/16/2007.
CARRIED.

Finance: Water Utility Balance
Search Fees

An ordinance was read amending Section 5-1-2.K of Chapter 1, Fee Schedule,
of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code to adopt service
fees for utility outstanding balance searches. MOVED BY PERSSON,
SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR
SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/16/2007. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5270

Utility: SW 34th St Culvert Replacement, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by increasing in the amount of \$50,000 the funds in the surface water revenue account and expenditure account pursuant to the SW 34th St. Culvert Replacement Project interlocal agreement with Drainage District No. 1 of King County. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5271

EDNSP: 2007 Neighborhood Program Grants, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by increasing the funding in the Neighborhood Grant Program by an additional \$33,000 from the capital project fund balance, raising the initial \$50,000 allocation to \$83,000. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Services: Renton Food Bank

Council President Nelson reported that the Renton Food Bank is in need of protein products.

Citizen Comment: Paholke - Airport Policy Issues

Councilmember Palmer reported receipt of correspondence to Mayor Keolker from Diane O. Paholke, President, Pro-Flight Aviation, Inc., 243 W. Perimeter Rd., Renton, 98057, concerning Renton Municipal Airport policy issues. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Transportation: S 3rd St Sidewalk Installation

Councilmember Palmer complimented staff for their fast work in installing new sidewalks on S. 3rd St. from Wells Ave. S. to Main Ave. S.

Human Services: Mentor Program

Councilmember Palmer reported that the Mentor Program is in need of more mentors. Explaining that mentoring involves spending one hour a week with a child at a school during the school year, she encouraged people to volunteer. Councilmember Clawson agreed that being a mentor is very rewarding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL ISSUE WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:20 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
April 9, 2007